

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: McAbee et al.  
Serial No.: 10/082,513  
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
SEVERING ELONGATED  
MATERIAL  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicants respectfully requested a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including July 15, 2004. An Amendment and Response to Office Action is being filed herewith. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fees for this action.

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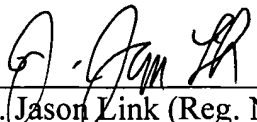
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1435. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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